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Petition to Suspend Rules Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.183

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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Robert J. Svoboda et al. ) Examiner: S. Ahmed  
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### PETITION TO SUSPEND THE RULES PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.183

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby submit this Petition to Suspend the Rules Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.183 ("Petition") to request waiver of the requirement that Robert J. Svoboda sign a declaration in order to establish prior invention as required in 37 C.F.R. § 1.131. See also MPEP 715.04.

In the Amendment and Response to Office Action ("Response") being filed concurrently herewith, it has been submitted that Robert J. Svoboda ("Mr. Svoboda") and Joseph M. Keller ("Mr. Keller") both conceived of the inventions set forth in claims 1 and 26, and Mr. Svoboda actually reduced the inventions set forth in claims 1 and 26 to practice on or before August 1, 2002, which is prior to the effective date (April 28, 2003) of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2008/0038611 to Sprenkle et al. ("the Sprenkle reference"). Based on the prior invention of

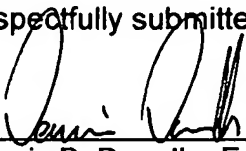
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the \$130.00 fee  
required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(h) for the Petition to Suspend the Rules  
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.183 and any other fee that may have been overlooked  
to Deposit Account No. 50-4635.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: 1/16/2009

  
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